

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Beat Krattiger, <i>et al.</i>
Application No. 10/694,577	Filing Date: October 27, 2003
Title of Application:	Optical Instrument, in Particular an Endoscope, Having an Interchangeable Head
Confirmation No. 3546	Art Unit: 3739

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

This is a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed March 14, 2007, which found the Response filed on March 5, 2007 to be non-compliant because the response was not properly signed.

Applicant presents herewith a replacement Response with the proper format of the S-signature pursuant to 37 CFR1.4 (d)(2).

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Substitute Response to Official Action**

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed **October 5, 2006**. Please enter this Response to Official Action in the above-referenced application. Enclosed herewith is a Request for a two month extension of time to respond to the aforementioned outstanding Office Action.

Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.